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Title : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING AMMUNITION

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Director under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment issued on January 27, 2006 in the above-identified application on the basis that a Response and a petition and payment for a 3-month extension of time, was timely filed on January 19, 2006 in response to an Office Action dated July 20, 2005.

A copy of the date stamped-received postcard is attached indicating that the Response was mailed on January 19, 2006 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 23, 2006. Also enclosed is a copy of the Response and the petition and payment for a 3-month extension of time, which shows that it was sent using a certificate of mailing signed and dated January 19, 2006. A printout of the Transaction History page for the above-identified application from Public PAIR is also enclosed evidencing receipt of the response. Applicants would like to point out that PAIR indicates that a Notice of Rescinded Abandonment was mailed from the USPTO February 2, 2006, a copy of which is not available through Image File Wrapper nor was it received by the attorney for applicants.

In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 does not require a fee. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure:

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